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Special Meeting

Reno City Council

Friday, February 6, 2015 • 3:30 PM

Reno City Hall - One East First Street, 7th Floor - Caucus Room, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve,

Mayor Council

Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus

Ward 4 – Paul McKenzie

Ward 2 – Naomi Duerr

Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon

Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado

At-Large – David Bobzien

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Agenda Items

1 Pledge of Allegiance

2 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Council Members Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie and Bobzien (via telephone) were present. Council Members Brekhus and Jardon and Mayor Schieve were absent.

VICE MAYOR DELGADO PRESIDED.

3 Public Comment

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - February 6, 2015.

It was moved by Council Member Duerr, seconded by Council Member McKenzie to approve the agenda.

Motion carried with Council Members Brekhus and Jardon and Mayor Schieve absent.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREKHUS AND MAYOR SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 3:34 P.M.

- 5 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential approval of the Legislative Operations Plan for the 2015 Legislative Session.
This item was continued from the January 28, 2015 Reno City Council meeting.

Kate Thomas, Office of Management and Budget Director and Assistant City Manager, presented an overview of the Staff Report.

Discussion ensued regarding the bullet points presented under the headings Revenues, Taxes and Funding; Public Works; Collective Bargaining; and Redevelopment.

The Council agreed to remove the bullet point related to City support for "...legislation that requires local government employers to fund deferred benefit plans, retirement plans, and other personnel related liabilities.

Concern was raised about the intentions of those involved in proposed changes to Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 288, and the City's position of "active neutrality" on the issue. It was suggested that staff make it clear that the Council should be consulted regarding any proposed changes to Chapter 288 because of the implications the changes could have on the City. Any changes to Chapter 288 should not occur without the full involvement of local government, and the Legislature should incorporate any feedback from the Council before moving forward with changes.

Discussion ensued about more accurately reflecting the City's current situation regarding redevelopment, and concern about creditors and the sun-setting of redevelopment debt. It was suggested that the City not support any changes to Nevada Revised Statutes that impact the City's existing redevelopment areas.

Also discussed was the need for the Council to consider any bills that would affect the City's regional role or the governance and service delivery of the entities with which the City is formally affiliated, and Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and Heart and Lung insurance benefits issues.

It was moved by Council Member Duerr, seconded by Council Member McKenzie to approve the Legislative Operations Plan as amended.

Motion carried with Council Member Jardon absent.

- 6 Update, discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Discussion ensued regarding catalyst funds, Residential Construction Tax and parks, critical labor shortage, Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority Board of Directors and Charter Committee issues.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

7 Public Comment

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:53 P.M.